गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) से (घ) जी हां, श्रीमान्। राजनैतिक नेताओं और उत्तराखण्ड के समर्थकों के साथ पहले भी चर्चाएं की गई थीं। एक पृथक उत्तराखण्ड राज्य की स्थापना करने के लिए विधेयक को उत्तर प्रदेश विधान मण्डल के पास भेजने के लिए आवश्यक कार्रवाई की जा रही है ताकि वे संविधान के अनुच्छेद 3 की अपेक्षा के अनुसार उस पर अपने विचार व्यक्त कर सकें। इस मुद्दे के अंतर्गत कानूनी और संवैधानिक जटिलताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए, इस मामले में कोई निश्चित समय सीमा निर्धारित करना संभव नहीं होगा।

Law anf order problem in Delhi due to increasing population

61. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the burgeoning population of Delhi is giving rise to the problems of law and order besides other civic problems particularly water, electricity, housing and education;

(b) whether Government propose to maintain a register of Delhi's citizens to keep track of anti-social elements and activities rampant in the capital; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The various police stations maintain a record of known criminals and other anti-social elements so as to keep a constant watch on them.

Bodo problem

62. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All Bodo Students Union and its allies have rejected outright the Joint Working Group as proposed by the Centre and have also announced an agitation for a separate State;

(b) if so, the reason for which the All Bodo Students Union has resorted to this step; and

(c) the fresh moves contemplated to resolve the ticklish Bodo issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The draft formulation for the Joint Working Group suggested by the Govt., inter-alia, stated that the Group will study, examine and make recommendations on all aspects of the Bodo problem without prejudice to the integrity of the State of Assam. All Bodo Students' Union in a letter sent to MHA communicated that Joint Working Group should have power to study and recommend on every sphere of Bodo problems where creation of a separate State of Bodoland also should not be excluded. They, therefore, did not accept the formulation and requested to continue the discussions with renewed stand and fresh look over the Bodo issue. Continued discussions with Bodo Groups are contemplated to resolve the issue.

Blasts in Delhi

63. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "One killed, 20 injured as 2 blasts rock North-West Delhi" which appeared in the Hindustan Time dated 19th October, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Two bomb blasts took place on the 18th October, 1997 at the Main Market, Rani Bagh within about ten minutes of each other as a result of which one person was killed and 26 others injured.

The Government have reviewed the situation arising out of a series of such blasts in the capital during the year. It has been decided to improve the intelligence collection through better coordinaiton between police and intelligence agencies and also to seek closer public participation in detecting such bombs and apprehending the culprits.

Rise in crime rate in R.K. Puram

64. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rising crime rate in various sectors of R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, sector-wise;

(c) the details of the police assistance booths, sector-wise, at present functioning in R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(d) the sectors in R.K. Puram still wituhout such police assistance booths; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to provide police assistance booths in those remaining sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) There has been a slight increase in the crime rate in R.K. Puram area under the heads of snatching, burglary, pick-pocketing, servant-theft, accidents, etc. However, the crime rate under the heads of decoity, attempt to murder, robbery, motor vehicle theft, hurts, etc, has registered a decline. The sector-wise details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 182 Annexure No. 2]

(c) and (d) There is no polic assistance booth in any of the sectors of R.K. Puram and the area is covered by the beat patrolling-PCR Vans. In addition, there is a police post located in Sector IV.

(e) The existing police arrangements are considered adequate for the present.

Manipulation of Evidence by CFSl Officials

65. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem under the caption 'Forensic experts shady acts detected' which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 27th August, 1997;

(b) whether several cases of manipulaiton of scientific evidence by Central forensic Science Laboratory Officials have been detected by Central Bureau of Investigation and the agency has compiled a list of officers of CFSL who have allegedly tampered with evidence and manipulated reports; and

(c) if so, the action taken against guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered five cases against seven officials of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory of the Central Bureau of Investigation on the allegations of manipulation of scientific evidence.

(c) Two officials are facing trial in the courts, departmental proceedings have been initiated against three officials, case against one officer is under investigation and in the case of one official no action could be taken for want of evidence.

Pending applications of freedom fighters pensions

66. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of freedom fighters' pension cases pending for more than five years, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to dispose of the pending cases?